

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 24, 2005, a new listing of claims is enclosed. As requested in the Notice, the status identifiers for claims 6 and 10-12 are changed from "Twice amended" to "Currently amended".

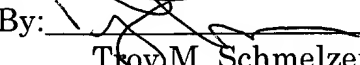
Applicant questions the propriety of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, since this is a reissue application. 37 CFR 1.121(i) states that any amendment to the description and claims in a reissue application must be made in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173. 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2), in turn, states that for claims changed by amendment, parenthetical expressions such as, e.g. "twice amended", should follow the claim number. It is for this reason that applicant included such expressions in its amendment.

Nevertheless, in order to advance prosecution of this application, applicant encloses a new listing of claims including the status identifiers requested in the Notice. Should the Office, in view of applicant's remarks, deem that the Notice was issued in error, applicant requests that the previously submitted amendment be entered.

The examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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